# **Champions Pray**

## September 2023



#### Join the Journey for Hope!

Happening September 23, the Journey for Hope is a great opportunity to engage your congregation in fundraising for PWS&D. There's still time to sign up a team. Visit <u>WeRespond.ca/JourneyForHope</u>.

## Song of Worship

Christ Be All Around Me

## **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 56:1-8

## **PWS&D Story of Impact**

Pray for those mentioned in the following recent story of impact from PWS&D's website: WeRespond.ca/Sohdis-resilience.





### Prayer Resource Highlight

#### From the Season of Creation resource

Creator of All,

From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being.

On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation. Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Learn more about Season of Creation at SeasonofCreation.org.

#### **Global Partners**

Choose a country from the map where PWS&D engages in development or relief work and offer up a prayer for the people there.

#### On The News

Is there anything that you saw on the news or read online this week, that you would like to ask God it intervene in?

#### In Your Church

Is there anything at your church you would like prayer for?

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, O Lord of earth and heaven, thank you for all your love has planned; thank you for food and daily blessings, gifts from your ever gracious hand.

Thank you for such a great salvation, mercy as boundless as the sea; thank you for love which died to save us, love which gave all to set us free.

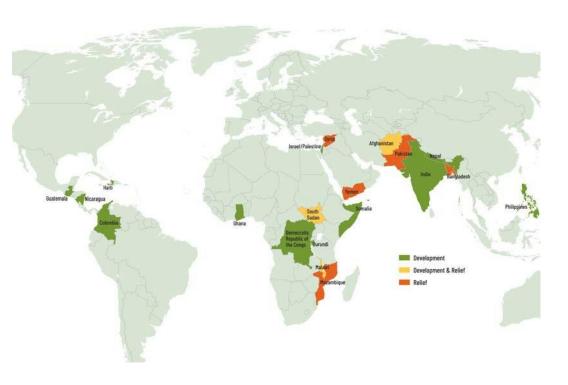
Thank you for means of grace and guidance, gifts of your Spirit, strength divine; thank you for word and prayer and symbol, food for our souls in bread and wine.

Thank you for that blest hope of glory, great day when Christ shall come again, day when, in perfect love and justice, he in his majesty shall reign.

Grant us, because of all your mercies, lips which proclaim our thanks and praise; lives which, in loving glad surrender, serve and adore you all their days.

Glory to God our heavenly Father; glory to Jesus, God the Son; glory to God the Holy Spirit; glory to God the Three in One. Amen.

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#### Meditation

Spend some time in silence, contemplating anything God might want to communicate to you.

## **Closing Prayer**

Our Father, who art in Heaven
Hallowed be your name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On Earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory
Forever andever, Amen.

Thank you for participating in Champions Pray. Your efforts are helping to bring about a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

Please contact eclarke@presbyterian.ca if you have any questions or would like a request included on next month's prayer list.
For more worship resources, visit
WeRespond.ca/resources.